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- .1. In early August 1955, a meeting in the Ministry of Heavy Industry discussed the Second Five-Year Plan mining of titanium ores, titanium, and titanium mica, as well as that of beryllium and germanium, since these ores are required in the production of aircraft engines. The lignite ash of the Zittau and Freiberg areas and the silt deposits of the Baltic coast were mentioned as sources of titanium.
- 2. The opening of new copper, lead, zinc, and nickel deposits, as well as the opening of phosphorus-rich iron ore deposits in the Harz region (Harzer Vorland) and Thuringia were advanced as priority considerations. The production of ores of low phosphorus content in Schmalkalden Schleiz and the Harz is to be increased. The manganese ore mine Schmalkalden has received three battery locomotives for the mine and, on Huegelsberg, a 34-km main conveyor shaft with electrical locomotives has begun operations.

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